Third World Archaeological Congress

2810. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are facing problems in holding the Third World Archaeological Conference in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Third World Archaeological Congress at Delhi has since concluded.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect on New Economic Policy on Education System

2811. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive study has been made by Government with regard to the impact of the New Economic Policy and the Structural Adjustment Programme on the education system in the country being carried out under the World Bank and IMF;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to achieve the Education Policy goals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In pursuance of National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, several programmes have been launched with a view to improving access to, retention in and quality of education. Since 1991-92, there has been a significant step up in allocation for education, particularly in plan allocations for elementary and adult education.

Official Tours Abroad by Principal TTTI, Chennai

2812. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Principal, Technical Teachers' Training Institute, Chennai went abroad on official trips during the last 3 years.

(b) if so, how much expenditure was incurred from Government funds on those foreign trips; and

(c) whether any specific contribution was made to the development of TTTI Chennai by the Principal out of his official foreign tours?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Principal, Technical Teachers' Training Institute, Chennai had been abroad twice during the last three years. On the first occasion, he went to Spain to present a paper on 'Environmental Pollution' and chair two technical sessions in an International Conference. A sum of Rs. 1.10 lakhs was spent by TTTI, Chennai for this purpose from the budget.

On the second occasion, he went to Canada under the Canada-India Institutional Cooperation Project for an awareness programme in environmental education and to develop plans to establish a centre for the environmental studies at TTTI, Chennai. Entire expenditure for this tour was borne by the project

Professional development through international contacts always helps the Institute in furthering the sphere of activities.

Reviving TTTI, Chennai

2813. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of the Department of Science in the Technical Teachers Training Institute (TTTI), Chennai has been lying idle and closed with a lot of sophiesticated equipments; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have taken any initiative to bring the Institute back to working conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b): The facilities of the Department of Science in the TTTI. Chennai are not lying idle. These are being used for organising short term courses by the Institute.

Astro-Turf for Hockey Ground in Gujarat

2814. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 52 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted Rs. 87 lacs for laying Astro-turf for hockey grounds at Gandhinagar, (Gujarat);